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R277. Education, Administration.

R277-710. International Baccalaureate Programs.

R277-710-1. Definitions.

- A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.
- B. "Candidate IB school" means the initial period between a school's application as an approved IB school (at various levels) and final approval by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- C. "DP" means Diploma Program.
- D. "IB" means International Baccalaureate.
- E. "International Baccalaureate Organization" means the nonprofit educational foundation located in four regions: North America and the Caribbean; Africa/Europe/Middle East; Latin America; Asia/Pacific.
- F. "International Baccalaureate (IB) Program" means the International Baccalaureate Program established by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- G. "MYP" means Middle Years Program.
- H. "PYP" means Primary Years Program.
- I. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.
- J. "Weight Pupil Unit (WPU)" means the basic state funding unit.

R277-710-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which provides for the Board to have general supervision and control over public schools and by Section 53A-17a-120 which directs the Board to adopt rules for the expenditure of funds appropriated for accelerated learning programs, Section 53A-1-402(1) which allows the Board to adopt minimum standards for access to programs, SB 2, Section 31, Intent Language which directs \$100,000 of the 2008-09 appropriation for accelerated learning programs to International Baccalaureate programs, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to specify the procedures and standards ~~[schools/]~~school districts/charter schools shall follow to qualify for state funds for the IB Program.

R277-710-3. Eligibility.

A. All school districts/charter schools are eligible to apply to the International Baccalaureate Organization to participate in the IB Program which may include the Diploma Program, the Middle Years Program and the Primary Years Program..

B. School districts/charter schools who participate in IB Programs have primary responsibility for identifying students who

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are eligible to participate in IB classes.

C. Each student participating in the IB Program shall have a current student education/occupation plan (SEOP) on file at the participating school, required under Section 53A-1a-106(2)(b).

R277-710-4. Student Tuition, Fees and Credit for IB Programs.

A. Tuition may not be charged to high school students for participation in the IB Program, consistent with Section 53A-15-101(6)(b)(iii).

B. All student costs related to IB classes, which may include consumables, lab fees, copying, and material costs, as well as textbooks required for the course, are subject to fee waiver consistent with R277-407.

C. The school district/charter school shall be responsible for these waivers.

D. A student shall receive high school credit for IB classes that are consistent with the school district/charter school policies, and R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas, for awarding credit.

R277-710-5. Use of and Distribution of IB Funds.

A. School district/charter school use of state funds for the IB Program shall be limited to the following:

- (1) to offset the costs of funding smaller IB classes;
- (2) to fund workshops or training within or outside the school district/charter school to begin implementing, or coordinating an IB Program;
- (3) to purchase any of the following for library, laboratory, or direct classroom use:
 - (a) needed supplemental texts;
 - (b) student curriculum guides;
 - (c) materials; and
 - (d) equipment;
- (4) to pay an IB teacher providing direct student IB instruction;
- (5) to aid in staff development which may include:
 - (a) teacher stipends for tuition and lodging expenses connected with the pursuit of additional training on specified IB curriculum taught by the teacher
 - (b) to pay the costs for student exams; and
 - (c) to assist with costs of distance learning programs, equipment or instructors which increase the IB options in a school.
- (6) other uses approved in writing by the USOE consistent with the law and purposes of this rule.

B. Funds allocated to school districts/charter schools for IB

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Programs or credit shall not be used for any other program.

C. Funds shall be distributed on the basis of the following:

(1) ~~[50] Fifty~~ percent of the total funds designated for the IB shall be equally distributed ~~[according to the number of IB semester hours successfully completed by students registered through the school district in the prior year compared to the state total of completed IB credits]~~ among all authorized IB programs in the state.

(2) The remaining ~~[50] fifty~~ percent allocation shall be distributed ~~[equally]~~ to IB high schools where students scored a grade of 4 or higher on IB exams, resulting in a fixed amount of dollars per exam passed.

~~[D. All candidate IB and approved IB schools shall be equally eligible for funding.]~~

R277-710-6. Annual Reporting and Other Student Instruction Issues.

A. The Board shall develop uniform deadlines, forms, and fiscal and pupil accounting procedures for the IB Program.

B. School districts/charter schools participating in the IB Program shall provide the USOE with end-of-year expenditure reports itemized by the categories requested by the USOE.

C. School districts/charter schools participating in the IB Program shall provide for parental permission for students to participate in IB classes.

D. This rule shall apply to IB programs operating and approved as of the 2008-09 school year, and continue thereafter.

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Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-17a-120; 53A-1-402(1)(c); 53A-1-401(3)